

Community Partnership for Protecting Children Implementation

Vision: The safety and well-being of children is paramount throughout all Iowa communities. Communities develop partnerships with child protection agencies to share in the responsibility for the safety of children.

Qualitative Service Reviews (QSR): A qualitative improvement process focused on assessing practice results.

Case Review

In-depth professional appraisal of child and family status and system performance using:

- Interviews with families and support networks
- 11 key indicators related to safety, stability, well-being
- 12 indicators related to system support for practice

Focus Groups

Extensive interviews with staff, stakeholders and service providers related to system support of front-line practice



Recommendations

- Practice development and skill enhancement
- Comprehensive strategies for system improvement

Community Partnership for Protecting Children: A comprehensive method for implementing practice development and system improvement based on OSR recommendations.

Family Team Decision-Making (FTDM)

Develop Capacity for FTDM:

- Infrastructure changes for family team meetings
- Supervisor Coaching and Mentoring
- FTDM Supervisor Training
- FTDM Facilitation Training
- Developing Trusting Relationship
- Functional Assessment and Safety Planning

Expanded Community Networking

Expand and Strengthen Partnership Network:

- Community/neighborhood programs and families
- Economic supports
- Substance abuse
- Domestic violence
- Mental health
- Develop hubs and geographic linkages

Shared Decision-Making

Develop a CPPC Governance Structure:

- Build upon existing boards (i.e. Decategorization)
- CPPC Education
- Include citizens and partnership networks
- Local decision-making based on CPPC strategies and QSR recommendations

Policy & Practice Change

Develop New Policies and Practice based on:

- Family Team Decision-Making
- Casework skill development
- Expanded community networks
- Utilizing shared decision-making based on results



Outcome: Strong, effective community partnerships that share decision-making, facilitate policy and practice change, promote family team decision-making, and expand community networks to keep children safe from abuse and neglect.